



April 2024

Lions District 11-C2 Newsletter

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From the desk of the Governor



Looks like March came in like a Lamb...but IS GOING OUT LIKE A LION!.....

First off, our longtime District Newsletter editor PDG Bob Tetzlaff, has relocated to Portland Mi (District 11-C1) to be closer to his family. An 11-C2 District Governor in 1990-91, and member of the Holt Lions, PDG Bob has done a fabulous job on the newsletter. He will now be a member of

the Portland Lions club, but has offered to continue to work on our 11-C2 monthly newsletter. Please keep PDG Bob in your thoughts and prayers on this new chapter in his life.

On Saturday March 2, PDG Lloyd Kilbreath, PDG Kurt Stromlund and myself attended a Project Kidsight Coordinators meeting at the Lions State Office, hosted by Lions Of Michigan Foundation (LOMF) Exec Director Chad McCann. Kidsight coordinators from MD-11 and SD-10 all shared their progress in continuing to bring Kidsight vision screening to their communities. **Contact PDG Lloyd at 989 413 2054 to schedule a Vision Screening, as his land line listed in the Roster Book has been disconnected.**

Your Celebration of Service Committee was hard at work preparing for the March 8-9 convention in Owosso. Friday night was the Service Project for Safe Center, a refuge for folks in abused relationships. We stuffed over 50 bags with clothing and necessities, delivered a pickup truck load of diapers, and handed a check for over \$800 to Safe Center representatives. I.D. Lee Vrieze and wife Lion Mary from Jim Falls, Wisconsin, were our guests and speaker. The WORLD FAMOUS HOSPITALITY SUITE was running on all cylinders Friday night. Saturday started with I.D. Lee giving us an update on LCI, followed by Military Recognition, and then the Memorial Service.

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We estimated over 180 Lions and guests were with us at one point, with 11-C2 clubs from Ashley, Bancroft, Bath, Bretton Woods, Charlotte, Clinton County Champs, Durand, Delta Dewitt Ledges, Dewitt Breakfast, Elsie, Grand Ledge, Holt, Lansing Capital, Laingsburg, Mason, Ovid, Owosso, St Johns, St Louis/Alma, and Shiawassee Leos represented. Also in attendance were Bear Lake Camp, Radio Reading Service, Leader Dog, and Eversight representatives.

As our Durand Lion VDG Carl Cozart prepares for his 2024-25 Governor Year, we are happy to announce that R122 Zone Chair and Bancroft Lioness Aleta Cozart has thrown her hat in the ring to follow up VDG Carl as Governor in 2025-26!!!

On Sunday March 17, our PDG Traci Tribley conducted a New Member Orientation training in Bancroft

On Thursday March 21, Bretton Woods invited me to help induct two new members into their club. Welcome new Lions Miranda Munley and Michael Weaver!

Our Global Membership Team Lead Tracy Temple is working hard to start a new club in Morrice

Our Global Leadership Team lead PDG Brent Beracy continues to support the Eaton Rapids club in their rebuilding, and is turning his sights on shoring up the District 11-C2 clubs in Gratiot County.

Our Global Service Team Lead Chrissy Andre and District Administrator Becky Hamilton are happy to report our 11-C2 District service reporting is at around 86% of the 31 clubs in 11-C2

Our Social Media and State PR Chair Doug Klein continues to get the word out on Social Media platforms about the great Service we 11-C2 Lions do.

Invite me to visit your club!

Lion Ted Hamilton DG

Eaton Rapids



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Around The District

Durand



PDG Tracy Temple stands next to a storage shed the Durand Lions recently acquired for the Durand Senior Center to use for their recycling efforts.

Elsie



Lions Ted Hamilton DG, John Shipley, Rick Jones

DG Ted Hamilton, new Elsie Lions Member Lion John Shipley and Elsie Lions President Lion Rick Jones. Presenting Lion John his new membership.

Around The District



Vermontville



Audrie Roth and Lion Jeff Fisher

Vermontville Lion Jeff Fisher congratulates Maple Valley student Aubrie Roth, their Vermontville Lions March Student of the Month

Mason



Lions Rod Hund, Mike Kollen, Lorraine Sparks

The Mason Lions Club welcomed their newest member at their March 13, 2024 meeting. Lion Mike Kollin was inducted by PDG Lion Lorraine Sparks with the support of sponsor Lion Rod Hunt.



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Capital Lioness Lions



Melvin Jones Fellowship Award Winner:

Our Star Lioness Lion Kay Olson with DG Ted Hamilton.

Grand Ledge



Aadhitya Sudhakar

Grand Ledge High School student Aadhitya Sudhakar was honored at the October 24 meeting of the Grand Ledge Lions Club.

Aadhitya was selected to be the Club's Student of the Month for October 2023.

Around The District



Stockbridge



Lions Darryl Urquhart, Eric Holmes, Brandy Urquhart

Lions Darryl and Brandy Urquhart received their information packets and were officially welcomed into the club.

DeWitt



Lions George, Jeff Routson, Karen Routson

Lion George Walter introduced Lion Jeff Routson from the Mason Lions Club and Braille Transcribing Board member. Lion Jeff told the den of the history of Braille started by a 17 year old French boy Louis Braille, who was blinded at the age of three, invented the system in 1824 while a student. He covered the development progression and how it started in the Michigan prison system in Jackson thanks to a member of the Lansing Host

Lions Club. There are currently 40 men and 15 women in two prisons that make braille materials used world wide.



Owosso



The Owosso Lions Club celebrated 5 years in March!

Cabinet Meeting

Save the date! April 30, 2024 is Governor Ted's final Cabinet meeting of the Lions Year 2023-2024, and it will be held at Dutch Hollow in Durand.

Using Artificial Intelligence

by Lion Doug Klein, APR, CTA

Quite a bit is being heard about AI generated content, graphics, and writing. What is AI? AI, or artificial intelligence, is the attempt to simulate human intelligence in machines that are programmed with algorithms to think and learn more like humans. One of the earliest tools to be widely used was ChatGPT, which only came out in November 2022.

Fast-forward to today, and the newest AI technology now gives results of higher quality, and that's leading to a lot of buzz around the benefits of automating content creation. While many Lions Clubs have members who do PR and marketing activities, those members are still likely to have a limited understanding of AI. Often, we talk about AI technology's impact on the culture more than the way we can use it in our own work.

However, some members are now beginning to try out consumer-friendly AI in doing their public relations and marketing work. (In fact, some of this article has been written using AI assistance.) I suggest trying out the free versions of Microsoft Copilot and Google Bard (now Gemini) before moving on to any other AI platform.

However, the difference between machine-generated content and human generated content is still sometimes fairly easy to spot. AI can write words and generate sentences, but it often uses certain patterns repeatedly. I was reading a brochure recently that contained similar bios and descriptions of several featured people using the same superlatives in roughly the same order. That's easy-to-spot AI content.

Such content can never replace personal, well-researched writing. It certainly can't replace highly experienced PR strategy, tactics, actions, and results of practitioners who have spent years working with the media and in high level consultations.

Experts and futurists say that there are different types of AI, including:

- Reactive machines: These AI systems can only respond to current inputs and do not have the ability to learn or form memories.
- Limited memory: These AI systems can use past experiences to inform current decisions, but they cannot form general concepts from those experiences.
- Theory of mind: These AI systems can understand and respond to mental states such as beliefs, intents, and desires.
- Self-aware: These AI systems possess a sense of self and consciousness.

It's important to note that while AI technology is advancing rapidly, true AI that can think and learn like a human (like the last two types on the list above) is still in the realm of science fiction. The most common AI applications today include natural language processing, image processing and recognition, robotics, self-driving cars, and more.

Therefore, most of the AI technology we have today is designed to perform specific tasks and is not self-aware. It's important to note that AI is not a replacement for human marketing and PR practitioners but rather a tool that can assist and enhance their work. I have used it effectively for generation graphics.

Some of the cloud-based AI is transforming the fields of public relations and marketing by automating tasks such as media monitoring, content creation, and social media management. It provides insights into the effectiveness of PR and marketing campaigns. These tasks still need monitoring and decision-making done by human beings to assure quality results, however. Automating some tedious tasks allows PR and marketing practitioners to focus on more strategic and creative tasks, including building relationships with key stakeholders and crafting messaging.

The good news is that communication still benefits greatly from the 'human touch'. You can't run a PR campaign without knowing the media, journalists, producers, news directors, and the best way to tailor publicity to those specific media personnel. Your personal network and strength of your media relations can be key to securing media coverage for your Lions Club. AI simply doesn't do that.



Lion Doug Klein regularly passes along tips to help your Club sharpen its public relations and marketing efforts. He has been a member of the Mason, Michigan Lions Club since he retired in 2018 as a Lansing Community College adjunct professor of public relations, communication, business, and marketing. He is currently serving as Mason Lions Club Secretary, District 11-C2 Public Relations and Marketing Chair, and MD11 State Public Relations Chair. A member of the Public Relations Society of America since 1983, he has held their prestigious APR designation (Accreditation in Public Relations) since 1996. He was inducted into the American Marketing Association's national honorary Alpha Mu Alpha in 2012. Contact him with any public relations or marketing questions at douglein@wowway.com or (517) 775-8601.



APRIL 30TH, 2024

6:00 PM SOCIAL

6:30 PM DINNER

7:00 PM MEETING

DISTRICT 11-C2 CABINET MEETING

JOIN US FOR DG TED HAMILTON'S
FINAL DISTRICT 11-C2 CABINET
MEETING OF 2023-2024.

THIS IS ALSO THE LAST DAY TO "VOTE"
(DONATE) TO THE DISTRICT LIONS PROM
QUEEN & KING CANDIDATES. SO BRING YOUR
MONEY AND HELP THE CANDIDATES MOVE
ON TO COMPETE ON THE PROM COURT AT
THE MD 11 CONVENTION.



LOCATION

DUTCH HOLLOW GOLF CLUB
8500 E. LANSING RD.
DURAND, MI 48429

COST

\$16

MENU

PULLED PORK (PLAIN &
BBQ), CHEESY POTATOES,
COLESLAW, TOSSED SALAD

RSVP NO LATER THAN APRIL 23rd
RSVP to Cabinet Secretary Becky Hamilton by email
bbthebb2004@yahoo.com or text/call 517-614-4432

Cabinet meeting reports can be emailed by
April 28th to bbthebb2004@yahoo.com
for inclusion at the meeting.



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LIONS CLUBS OF MICHIGAN DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES D.A.D. PROGRAM

This life changing & lifesaving program was developed to help people who:

- Are Pre-Diabetic
- Already have Type 2 Diabetes
- Want to learn more about how Diabetes can impact your life and the lives of loved ones.

Learn how to live longer, healthier lives with the information and tools provided by this program and your DAD Lifestyle Coach—Lion Carolyn Jennings.

- Lions of Michigan & L.C.I.F. is funding the DAD Program.
- Open to everyone in the state of Michigan regardless of what district you live in.
- You do not have to be a Lion’s Club member to attend.
- To register* for the full 8-Week class → [click here](#)

Or Scan Here ↓



Each 1-hour class will meet **ON ZOOM** Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Session 1: Thursday March 7, 2024	Session 5: Thursday April 11, 2024
Session 2: Thursday March 14, 2024	Session 6: Thursday April 18, 2024
Session 3: Thursday March 21, 2024	Session 7: Thursday April 25, 2024
Session 4: Thursday April 4, 2024	Session 8: Thursday May 2, 2024

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Bohach 734-222-9800 X 2240 or ebohach@nkfm.org

*You can also type WWW.BIT.LY/NKFM-DAD into your browser to register.

Greetings from the Lions Of Michigan Childhood Cancer Committee

Let us introduce our project to you. As Lions We Serve is our motto. Many people know us to be the service club that helps people get glasses that need help getting them. We also have many other projects that help in communities.

Our goal with the Childhood Cancer project is to help families that have children affected by cancer.

While we in no way expect to do the wonderful things that Make a Wish does we do hope to help each family we serve. Some of the things we do to help are

Gift cards for gas Gift cards for places to eat Gift cards to food stores

Go shopping for the family if that is needed Gift bags for the child and siblings

Lions has a Camp for children and siblings of cancer patients as well as we work closely with

Maggies wigs for kids and Kids Kicking Cancer.

If you could fill out this form it will help us to know better what would help your family.

Thank you and your family will be in our prayers

Family name (first & last) _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Childs name _____ Childs age _____

Siblings names & ages _____

Childs interests _____

Childs sizes for cloths _____

What types of gift cards would help you the most? _____

What types of things would you like to see us offer? _____

Mints For MILITARY



The Lions of Michigan Foundation is proud to recognize the brave men and women serving our nation in the United States military. We have Lion Mints Care Packages ready for distribution, but we need the names and addresses of more service men and women to recognize. Please help us by displaying and distributing this flyer in your community.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION



5730 Executive Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48911
517-887-6640
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www.lmsf.net



PLEASE SEND A LION MINTS CARE PACKAGE TO:

Military Member's Name: _____

Rank: _____ Unit: _____

APO: _____ FPO: _____ AE: _____ AA: _____ AP: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Extra Extra Read all about it!

An invitation has been extended to LEO Club members to join the Youth Camp & Exchange at Lions Bear Lake Camp, [3409 N Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3409+N+Five+Lakes+Rd,+Lapeer,+MI+48446), August 11-17.2024.



The YCE Program will cover one LEO per District to participate. If you have more than one LEO who want to participate, we can raffle their name and pick one winner per District.

In addition, the LEO Club or District can sponsor a LEO to attend the camp if they choose to participate. This will be a great way for our LEOs to mingle with other youth from other countries.

Cost: \$150.00 (Please make check payable to: Lions Of Michigan, memo: Youth Camps & Exchange.

Bring essential items such as pillow, twin fitted sheet, blanket, towel, toiletries, bug spray, & sunscreen.

Host family is responsible for picking up and dropping off students from/to airport and camp.



Multiple District 11 is looking for some families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for the month of summer 2024 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young people are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 25 – August 22, 2024.

Host families need not be Lion members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults comes with spending money, and additional activities will be at your discretion.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact:
State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or email epmarfil5@gmail.com.

Additionally, clubs that donates \$100 will receive a 4x4 YCE Banner Patch or a 2023-2024 year patch.

11-C2 GLT Report

Hello Lions and Hello April 2024!

If you took the opportunity to travel to Bancroft on March 17th you were treated to a terrific new member orientation and Lions 101 as well as a chance to absorb some of the energy of the Bancroft Lioness/Lions. Thank you IPDG Lion Traci and Bancroft Lioness! (Currently tied w/ Laingsburg Lions for most (7) New Lions in the district))

11-C2 Learning opportunities coming this Spring:

April 25th, District B-1 officer training, 5:30 - 8pm, Vandercook Lake High School 1000 E. Golf Ave, Jackson, MI 49203 Contact Lion Brent By April 15th if interested in attending. Here are the 11-B1 training offerings:

- 6:00 PM SESSION 1 (choose one)
- __Membership Round Table (panel discussion) – PDG Brent Beracy and GMT Cheryl Bradshaw to moderate. Discuss membership successes, strategies, and Mission 1.5.
- __MyLion/Service Reporting, __Tail Twister, or __Treasurer
- 7:10 PM SESSION 2 (choose one)
- __Opportunities to Serve Beyond Your Club (Round Table) - CCE Terri Huffman moderator. A sharing of activities Lions are involved in and how participation can improve your club.
- __Secretary, __President/VP, or __Time Management

Once again, please register with Lion Brent by April 15th if you'd like to attend. Sub sandwich, chips and water provided.

District 11-C2 will also be conducting an online Guiding Lion self-study certification starting soon.

11-C2 Zone chairs are polling club leadership about their training needs. Currently we are planning a New President's & VP's Welcome for the 2024-25 Lions year

Early Bird registration for the USA/Canada Lions Forum in Louisville ended on March 31st, but still is a great value and event for all Michigan Lions. Myself and ZC Lion Kenny are putting together a fun convoy/road trip adventure for any MD11 Lions who are planning to attend. Take "Lions University" leadership courses online and "Graduate" with Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate. Walk the stage with us in Louisville! www.lionsforum.org and www.lionsuniversity.org

Sincerely,
Lion Brent
pdgberacy@gmail.com
989-847-2803

The DIMONDALE and EATON RAPIDS LIONS CLUBS



HOLE SPONSOR

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Thank you for being a

HOLE SPONSOR for their 21st Annual GOLF OUTING

This event will be held on July 20, 2024, at the Eldorado Golf Course, 3750 Howell Road in Mason, Michigan, with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. A hole sponsorship is \$100 with 100% of the proceeds going to local Lions Clubs to aid the sight handicapped, diabetes awareness, and other local projects as determined by the clubs. "We Serve" is the motto of Lions International, and our own communities. Your name will appear at one hole on the course during play, and will also be included in the envelope each golfer receives on the day of the event. The bottom portion of the form below is your receipt along with your canceled check. As a hole sponsor, we believe this to be a donation for tax purposes, but please check with your tax advisor regarding credit on your tax form.

Amount and Check # _____ was received from:

Sponsor Name _____ for the Golf Outing on July 20, 2024

Date the Check is turned in _____

Name of Business Contact _____ Address & Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name and Phone of Lion who received the check _____

Name and Phone of person who gave Lion the check _____

Please fill this out when you turn in the money. The information is valuable for our records.

(This portion to stay with Sponsor)

Name and Phone of Lion Member _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Amount and Check# _____ on Date _____

Checks are to be made to the Eaton Rapids or Dimondale Lions club, with a note on the check that it is for a hole sponsorship in the 2023 Golf Outing. Give to a Lion in your club or mail with payment to Dimondale Lions Club, P.O. Box 524, Dimondale, MI 48821

The LIONS of DIMONDALE and EATON RAPIDS

Invite you to their 21st Annual

Golf Outing



At the Eldorado Golf Course – 3750 West Howell Road, Mason, Michigan 48854

July 20, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. (Shot Gun Start)

Just \$75 per person includes one-half cart, light breakfast, hot dog at the turn and dinner following play with prizes awarded and raffle drawings. Proceeds help provide glasses and assistance to those in need, Leader Dogs, Michigan Eye Bank and other charities in the local area first, then others around the world. Our motto is "We Serve."

Soft spikes or flat-soled shoes only! Registration is due with payment by July 20nd, 2024.

Sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, with free putting green and driving range open for practice.
Play starts at 9 a.m.

First hole in one on White No. 6 wins a new car.

All women tee off from Women's tee. All other players 55 & over Gold Tee.
Under 55 White Tee.

For information please call:

Tony Piper 517-614-2663

John Lord 517-974-2518

Norm Wood 517-646-6823

Lou Klinger 517-282-9904

YES I want to help the Lions with their projects:___ Enclosed is a check for \$300 for a foursome listed below OR ___\$75 for a single entry to be placed on a team for play.

Name of Captain (or Single Player)_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____ e-mail Address_____

Player #2_____ address or e-mail_____

Player #3_____ address or e-mail_____

Player #4_____ address or e-mail_____

GIVE RESERVATIONS TO A LION IN EITHER CLUB, OR MAIL RESERVATION WITH PAYMENT TO:

Dimondale Lions Club

P.O. Box 524, Dimondale, MI 48821

___ I would like to make a donation to the Eaton Rapids or Dimondale Lions Club (circle one).



CLINTON COUNTY CHAMPIONS BRANCH CLUB



SPRING MIXER

APRIL 26, 2024



6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ST. JOHN'S K OF C HALL, 1108 OLD US 27, ST JOHNS, MI 48879

POTLUCK DINNER, MUSIC AND GAMES & GET TOGETHER!
BYO N.A. BEVERAGE

CC Champs Lions are excited to host this social event! Our goal is to provide a safe, fun, and memorable evening for our athletes, families and friends. The Area28 SOMI is NOT sponsoring this event.

- Come on out and have some fun!
- Tangy meatballs and rolls are already on the menu!
- No transportation or caregivers available
- Many games will be provided. Bring your favorite to share!
- Buy or sell Have a Heart raffle tickets and win prizes

**Got Questions? Call Brent @ 989-847-6122 (voice or text)
or bberacy@hotmail.com**

Multiple District 11 Proposed Dues Increase

The subject of a dues increase for Multiple District 11 was discussed at a Council of Governors meeting after it was recommended by MD 11 Council Treasurer Paul Hemeryck.

A committee was appointed to review and make a report a to the Council of Governors with a recommendation.

Based on the committee's report the Council of Governors approved the following resolution to be presented and voted on by the club delegates at the Multiple District 11 Convention Business Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 17th at the Marriott Sheraton Hotel in Grand Rapids to be voted:

Resolved That Article VIII Section 1 the administrative fund tax (member dues) be increased to \$12.00 effective July 1, 2024 with semi-annual payments of \$6.00 be collected September 10, 2024 and March 10, 2025; and

Be it further Resolved That the dues be increased to \$14.00 with semi-annual payments of \$7.00 be collected September 10, 2025 and March 10, 2026 and each year thereafter.

This requires an amendment to Article VIII, Section 1 of the MD11 By-laws.

Currently Article VIII Section 1 reads:

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue for approved multiple district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the multiple district, an annual multiple district administrative fund tax of \$10.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$5.00 per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$5.00 per club member on March tenth of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively. Said tax shall be paid to the council secretary/treasurer by each club in the multiple district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or

reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the multiple district and only upon approval by the Council of Governors. Disbursement therefrom shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson.

The proposed new amendment would read as follows:

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue for approved multiple district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the multiple district, a multiple district administrative fund tax of \$12.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$6.00 per club member on September tenth of 2024, to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$6.00 per club member on March tenth of 2025, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively.

Section 2. An annual multiple district administrative fund tax of \$14.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$7.00 per club member on September tenth of each year following to cover the semi-annual period July 1 through December 31; and \$7.00 per club member to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectfully.

Said tax shall be paid to the council secretary/treasurer by each club in the multiple district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the multiple district and only upon approval by the Council of Governors. Disbursement therefrom shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson.



The MD 11 Global Action Team Applications now being accepted for the 2024-2025 Lions year

The Global Action Team is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders.

As a member of the GAT, your success is our success. Whether you're a part of the Global Service Team (GST), Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Extension Team (GET) or Global Leadership Team (GLT), you'll find helpful information and resources on LCI's website that will help you better understand your role and make a greater impact. **You can also learn more about the GAT by taking the Global Action Team course available in the Lions Learning Center using your Lion Account login credentials.**

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team-roles-resources>

This is a one-year term and candidates selected by the Multiple District Governors. For a complete overview of each of the GAT positions, please refer to LCI's website. www.lionsclubs.org Applications now being accepted for the 2024-2025 year. Send your letter of interest along with your resume and Lion's history to the Lions State Office. Interview date is yet to be determined.

New Policy on Electing the MD 11 Council Chair

At the December Council of Governors meeting the District Governors voted to change the process for electing a council chair. PID Justin Faber introduced this new process as outlined by LCI President Dr. Patti Hill.

The new policy states that each year it is the responsibility of the incoming **Second Vice District Governors** to select a Council Chairperson, in order to meet the deadline imposed by Lions Clubs International and to allow for a smooth transition between Council Chairpersons, and to have a leader for the Council in place by the International Convention.

What does this mean, exactly? It means that you have the opportunity to apply and interview for the position of the 2025-2026 Council Chair during the MD 11 Convention in May! The seated 2nd VDGs will conduct the interviews and select their Council Chair for the term of 2025-2026. The Council Chair-Elect will serve as Vice Council Chair for the 2024-2025 term, under the leadership of Council Chair Elect Terri Huffman.

In December 2024, elections will be held for the position of the 2026-2027 Council Chair. This will allow for multiple opportunities to work as a team with your council while working together as the Council of Governors for a longer term than the typical one-year period.

Interested Lions may fill out the application form and send it along with a letter of interest to Executive Director Wendy Burns. Emailed or mailed copies are accepted. Deadline to submit an application is May 6, 2024. For position description and qualifications overview, please refer to the MD 11 Policy Manual on our website: www.lionsofmi.com or contact the state office.



MISSION 1.5 

We're on a mission to grow.

There are many ways to serve the membership of MD 11. Participating as a State Chairperson or District Representative on one of our many State Committees is just one of several opportunities. **Thank you** to the many Lions who have volunteered to serve our membership in this capacity!

2023-2024 Lions of Michigan State Committees

Lions All State Band -Chair, Tom MacNaughton
Lions Bear Lake Camp-Chair, Jack Patton
Childhood Cancer-Chair, Darlene Anderson
Constitution and By-Laws-Chair, Dick DeLong
Diabetes-Chair, Roger Blackwell
District Editors Advisory-Chair, Bob Tetzlaff
Global Leadership Team-Chair, Traci Tribley
Global Membership Team-Chair, Shawn Blaszczyk
Global Service Team-Chair, Terri Huffman
Hearing-Chair, Bev Bodem
Hunger-Chair, Lloyd Foster
Information Technology-Chair, Ray Robins
Lions Clubs International Convention-Chair, Wendy Burns
Lions Clubs International Foundation-Chair, Harold Stephens/Justin Faber
Leader Dogs for the Blind-Chair, Frank Cunningham
Leo Clubs-Chair, Larry Wegrzyn
Lions Michigan Forum-Chair, Jim Leach, Jr.
Lions Quest-Chair, Stan Masters
MD 11 Lions Convention-Co Chairs, Brenda & Dave Hacker
Michigan Eversight-Chair, Kurt Stromlund
Public Relations/Social Media-Chair, Doug Klein
Reading Action Plan-Chair, Don Spinks
Sight Conservation/White Cane-Chair, Roger Bosse
Youth Exchange-Chair, Elvie Marfil

Many of the state chair terms will expire on 6-30-2024. Anyone interested in serving during the 2024-2025 Lions year is asked to submit a request in writing to: Executive Director Wendy Burns, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, 48911 or email your letter of interest to: wburns@lionsofmi.com Please submit no later than April 20, 2024